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SUBJECT:SUPPORT FOR SENEGALESE CONTINGENT IN SHABA

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR JULIENNE CALLED ON ACTING
AF/W DIRECTOR, AUGUST 4 TO DELIVER DEMARCHE ON ASSISTANCE
TO SENEGAL FOR ITS CONTINGENT IN SHABA. PARAPHRASING IN
ENGLISH FROM A CABLE RECEIVED FROM PARIS, JULIENNE SAID
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INFORMED OF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MOOSE'S CONVERSATIONS IN DAKAR WITH PRESIDENT
SENGHOR AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED
TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SENEGALESE CONTINGENT
IN SHABA. SENEGALESE TROOPS THERE AND IN LEBANON WERE
PLACING A HEAVY BURDEN ON SENEGAL, AND FRANCE WOULD
WELCOME ANY HELP THE US COULD PROVIDE TO SENEGAL.

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2. AF/W OFFICER COMMENTED THAT THERE APPARENTLY HAD
BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE SENEGALESE,
AS THE USG EXPECTED SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
SHABA FORCE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD TO BE TAKING THE LEAD IN COORDINATING
AND ASSURING THE ONGOING PROVISIONING OF THE AFRICAN

TROOPS IN SHABA. THE GOS MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED MOOSE'S GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT US WILLINGNESS TO SEEK GREATER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR SENEGAL IN THE FUTURE AS AN OFFER TO HELP THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE SENEGALESE'S CONTINGENT IN SHABA. THE US HAD REACHED NO DECISION TO FINANCE SUCH RESUPPLY. JULIENNE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CLARIFICATION AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE APPARENT SENEGALESE MISUNDERSTANDING TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR HELP TO THE SENEGALESE SHABA FORCE MADE BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AND AF/W OFFICER SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

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